



January 23, 2023

To: Members of the South Carolina House Ways and Means Committee
Members of the South Carolina Senate Finance Committee

From: The Home Care Association of America, South Carolina Chapter

Re: DHHS Budget Request

Dear Honorable Members,

I write today on behalf of the home care providers in South Carolina and the thousands of South Carolinians we serve to offer our full support of the budget request presented by Director Robbie Kerr of the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

Not only has Director Kerr requested funding for maintenance of effort, which is critical for the continuation of services, he has also requested funding to cover the pending shortfall of FMAP funds from the federal government, as well as funding for permanent rate adjustments for providers who provide home and community-based services. We are humbled by and deeply appreciative of his support for our profession and **respectfully request full funding of those budget priorities.**

The home care services our agencies provide is relied on and trusted by thousands of South Carolinians across the state. Unfortunately, this care is getting more and more costly to provide. Our agencies need relief, and they need it now. Implementing Director Kerr's budget request is crucial to our ability to continue to provide home care in South Carolina.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and thank you in advance for your support of Director Kerr in his efforts to ensure South Carolinians receive the most cost-effective, quality-of-life-focused care available by allowing providers to care for our clients where they are most comfortable...in their homes. Please let me know if we can provide any additional information for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vicki Hoak". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Vicki Hoak, CEO
The Home Care Association of America